

Studying EuroMPM at Dortmund.



I was told I am the first EuroMPM student who holds the PMP® credential. I come from Chile and have several years of experience in the banking industry, in IT and in project management as well.

I can say that I love changes. For me, life should not be lived like inside a train, with everything already defined by someone else or by the circumstances.

Now I will describe some ideas about the EuroMPM. This master course is something very special. You can get more or less, depending on what you really want. You can specialize in the subtopics you like more, you can choose how and where to do the international specialization. In my case, one of the most important things was to learn how to do research in this exciting field of project management and, of course, to study at a German University. In other words, I came for deep knowledge. The basic knowledge of the field came with me in the plane.

I have to say that I have learned a lot about different complimentary areas, a lot of tools, a lot of new concepts and competencies, and of course a lot about intercultural communications and the needs that this globalized world is demanding. The course is very much international. In the class you can hear not only English but also German, Turkish or Russian. Other ones you will not hear, because sometimes only one student is able to speak them, like Dutch, Spanish, Tatar, Kurdish, Chinese, Pakistani, etc. About religions, customs and related things, you can imagine how diverse is to be here. During the courses, normally students are asked to do group work and this is the best way to interact with others. Like the real business life: sometimes you don't agree with everything the group decides, sometimes you work more, or less, than others, but at the end of the day, the experience is very real and prepares you for real work interaction in the future.

The EuroMPM offers some extra activities: like workshops, conferences, trips, etc. We have been in Warsaw-Poland, Bilbao-Spain, and in Germany: in Cologne, Münster, Bonn, and Kassel. Some other activities have been held in Dortmund.

Professor Peter Reusch gave me the chance and I have presented topics already twice in chapter meetings within the PMI chapter of Cologne. I was also co-organizer of a group of project managers and EuroMPM students who were meeting every month. Some students presented fresh topics about project management and we had the feedback from the experienced project managers of Dortmund and cities nearby. It was a nice and useful experience.

I also had the chance of presenting a topic twice in the research conference at the University, among international professors from different countries. There are many opportunities like this for students, but it will depend on what you want to do and how far you want to get.

As a result, I strongly recommend EuroMPM to motivated people: people who want to learn beyond what they hear in the classroom, people who want to do more than they are asked to, people who

want to share their experiences and make bridges to other cultures, propitiating win-win relationships, people who want to risk a bit in order to gain something and people who want to share what they know and what they are.

As a PMP®, I can say that now, after graduated, I feel really confident on what I know about project management. I've got applied knowledge and competencies. I thought I knew a lot of things but I mostly knew the song titles. Now I feel I am ready to sing. Hope to carry on and go later on for the PhD. For me it is worth it. I'd like to teach in this field as well.

That's all for now, have a nice time in Dortmund.

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